Encroachment of Forest Lands by Government Employees in A&N Island

5330. SHRI MONORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of encroachments made by the Government employees/ their family members in the forest lands in the reserved/protected areas in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, category wise and division-wise;

(b) whether Government have taken any action against such employees;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The number of cases of encroachments by Government employees/their families in forest lands category-wise and division-wise in A&N Islands are as follows:

Division	*No. of cases*	*Category of Forest*
Middle Andaman	32	Protected Forest
Mayabunder & Diglipur	17	Protected Forest
Baratang	2	Reserve Forest

(b) and (c). Two persons have already ben evicted in Middle Andaman. The cases against the other encroachers are being tried in the court of Estate officers.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Renewal of Railway Lines in Madhya Pradesh

5331. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are certain old and dilapidated railway lines in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any scheme for renewal of these lines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise;

(c) and (d). Tracks on various lines are renewed from time to time, on condition basis, and according to the traffic needs.

(e) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Hike in Prices of Surgical Instruments

5332. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: